

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1st. MARCH, 1971

AT 7.30 P.M.

Present - Messrs. Mason (Chairman), Kettle, Long, Macintosh, McMaster, Rundle, and Lugg together with Mr. Maybury (Secretary)

Apologies - Apologies were received from Messrs. Lyons and Mitchell.

Minutes - The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

Australian Federation -

The Sub-Committee investigating the proposed alterations to Rule of the Co-operative Federation of Australia reported on their progress to date. It was resolved that the matter be dealt with further when the final rules were received from that body. It was reported that the Annual Meeting of the Co-operative Federation of Australia for 1971 was to be held in Melbourne in September, 1971.

Publications - Co-operative Digest the Sub-Committee investigating this matter recommended that one thousand copies be printed of the first issue to be ready for distribution in June and publication of future issues take place in October and February of 1972. This proposal was agreed to and it was decided to ask the Sub-Committee to proceed with the publication of the first issue.

Co-operative Newspaper: The sub-Committee recommended that any decision on this matter be deferred until some finality was reached on the proposal to issue a national Co-operative or Credit Union Paper. This recommendation was agreed to.

Membership - It was reported that Mr. Rundle would attend the next meeting of the Dairy Factories Association to discuss the matter of membership with them.

Correspondence - The inward correspondence was received and the outward correspondence endorsed.

Matters Arising from Correspondence: It was agreed to advise the Mildura Credit Society that we are prepared to accept the invitation to speak at their Annual Meeting provided this can be arranged to fit in with other Co-operative activity to be arranged by the Co-operative Trading Association.

Advisory Committee Report -

Mr. Long reported that the State Government Advisory Committee was at present working on the amendments to the Act but that progress was very slow.

Co-operative Housing Advisory Committee -

The meeting offered its congratulations to Mr. R. Maybury on his recent appointment to the Co-operative Housing Advisory Committee.

1971-1972 Programme - The discussion on this subject took place under the following headings:-

(a) Contact with Government: It was agreed that some action had already taken place in this field in the representation of E. Long on the Advisory Council. The request by this Federation for amendments to the Co-operation Act and the request to the Premier to open the I.C.A. Meeting. In addition it was agreed to investigate avenues to keep politicians informed of the activities of Co-operatives generally and this Federation in particular. It was agreed that the next meeting should discuss the question of Consumer Protection and counter-inflationary moves and the attitude of this Federation towards such matters.

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